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AC/276 (MBFR DATA)-WP(75)3(REVISED)(DATED NOV. 6, 1975)

USNATO 6471 (DTG 261102Z NOV 75)

1. DURING DECEMBER 16 MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING, US REP (COLIN) RAISED SPECIFIC COMMENTS PROVIDED IN STATE 283178 CONCERNING AC/276(MBFR DATA) - WP(75)3(REVISED).

2. CHAIRMAN OF SUB-GROUP ON DATA SUPPORT (BRANSON) SAID HE HAD CONSIDERED FACT THAT AC/276-WP(75)3 DOES NOT MATCH EXACTLY WITH MC-161/75; HOWEVER, SGDS HAD NOT USED LATTER DOCUMENT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT PROVIDE A DISPLAY OF DATA IN THE DETAIL DESIRED FOR THE AC/276-(75)3 SERIES. THE SGDS HAD DRAWN ON THE SHAPE AOBAC AND MCM-86-74 DOCUMENTS
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FOR DETAILEDMDATA ON WP AIR FORCES AND THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ALWAYS CONSISTENT WITH MC-161/75. HE BELIEVED THERE IS A NEED TO EXPLAIN THE INCONSISTENCY, PERHAPS IN THE COVERING NOTE TO AC/276-(WP(75)3).

3. WITH REGARD TO THE POINT IN PARA 1.: OF STATE 283178, THE SGDS CHAIRMAN SAID IT IS DIFFICULT TO HIGHLIGHT THE NUCLEAR DELIVERY CAPABILITY OF WP AIRCRAFT IN ANNEX D OF AC/276-WP(75)3 WITHOUT GIVING THE MISLEADING IMPRESSION THAT ALL AIRCRAFT POSSESSING AN ADAPTABILITY TO A NUCLEAR DELIVERY ROLE ARE AUTOMATICALLY ASSUMED TO HAVE SUCH A NUCLEAR DELIVERY ROLE. THE SGDS HAD TRIED TO EXPLAIN THIS POINT IN FOOTNOTE (D) TO ANNEX D OF AC/276-WP(75)3(REVISED) AND IN THE REVISION TO THE COVERING NOTE TO THE DOCUMENT SUGGESTED AT THE WG MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18 (PARA 3 OF USNATO 6471).

4. THE SGDS REDRAFTED THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF THE AIR FORCE TABLES (SUBPARA 2(B) OF AC/276-WP(75)3(REVISED)) TO ATTEMPT TO COVER THE US COMMENTS:
BEGIN TEXT:

(B) AIR FORCE TABLES

(I) THE TABLES AT ANNEXES C AND D PROVIDE INFORMATION ON NATO AND WP AIR FORCE COMBAT FLYING UNITS CATEGORISED BY THEIR PRIMARY COMBAT ROLE AS SPECIFIED IN DPQ(74) FOR NATO AND IN SHAPE AOBAC OF 17TH FEBRUARY, 1975 FOR THE WARSAW PACT.

(II) IT IS RECOGNISED THAT TOLE CATEGORIES OF WP AIRCRAFT BASED ON SHAPE AOBAC, WHICH ARE USED IN THIS PAPER, ARE NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THOSE SHOWN IN MC 161. HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ARE LARGELY COMPARABLE WITH THOSE USED IN DPQS FOR NATO AIRCRAFT THEY WERE RETAINED FOR THE SAKE OF COMPATIBILITY OF NATO/PACT DATA DISPLAYS, AND FOR CONSISTENCY OF APPROACH IN THE MBFR CONTEXT.

(III) IT IS FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE CAPABILITIES ADDITIONAL TO THOSE REFLECTED IN THE UNIT PRIMARY ROLE AND SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF THESE AIRCRAFT NOT SHOWN UNDER THE DUAL ROLE COLUMNS MAY HAVE, BY DESIGN, ADAPTABILITY TO A NUCLEAR STRIKE ROLE. THE POSSIBILITY OF A NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT OF THESE AIRCRAFT CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

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WHILST FOR NATO AIR FORCES THERE ARE NO KNOWN PLANS TO THE EFFECT THAT THESE AIRCRAFT BE ALLOCATED NUCLEAR TASKS, THE RESPECTIVE EMPLOYMENT POLICY OF THE WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES CANNOT BE AS EASILY DETERMINED. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE, THEREFORE, TO SHOW THESE AIRCRAFT SEPARATELY. ANY ASSESSMENT AS TO THE PROBABILITY OF NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT OF THESE AIRCRAFT BY THE WARSAW PACT WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PILOT TRAINING, AIRCRAFT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND UNIT SPECIAL STORAGE/SUPPLY, MOST OF WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MET PRIOR TO ALLOCATION OF ANY NUCLEAR TASK.

(IV) AIRCRAFT NUMBERS ARE COUNTED USING THE METHOD LAID DOWN IN AC/276-WP(74)15 (SGTA REPORT), VOLUME II.

IN THE FIRST CASE (UE/OA(0)) ALL UNIT-ESTABLISHED AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED FOR SACEUR AND DECLARED BY NATIONS IN THE ANNUAL RETURN TO THE DPQ ARE COUNTED FOR NATO; AND FOR THE WP ALL PRIMARY (P) COMBAT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONALLY AVAILABLE TO COMBAT UNITS AS SHOWN IN SHAPE AOBAC ARE COUNTED. IN THE SECOND CASE (OA(PPLUST)) ALL OPERATIONALLY AVAILABLE COMBAT CAPABLE AIRCRAFT ARE COUNTED FOR BOTH NATO AND THE WP, INCLUDING COMBAT CAPABLE TRAINER VERSIONS IN FORMED TRAINING UNITS AND OTHER TRAINING AIRCRAFT ON COMBAT BASES. THIS LAST "OTHER TRAINING AIRCRAFT" CATEGORY INCLUDES THOSE TRAINING AIRCRAFT WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE DOCUMENT, ARE USED IN TRAINING ROLE AT A TRAINING SCHOOL AND ARE "COMBAT CAPABLE IF SO EMPLOYED" (CODE - DFS). INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY ARE SOME 135 ISKRA AND 74 MAYA TRAINING AIRCRAFT IN THE POLISY AND CZECH AIR FORCES, WHICH ARE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE AS TO THEIR POSSIBLE COMBAT ROLE. (ALSO SEE FOOTNOTE (G) TO ANNEX D.).

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5. THE WG AGREED TO CLEAR THE SUTY UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE BY COB JANUARY 9, 1976.

6. ACTION REQUEST: REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE BY COB JANUARY 9, 1976. BRUCE

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